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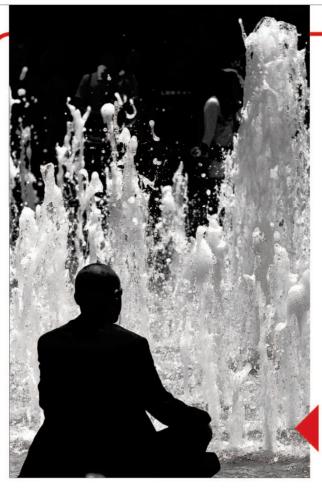
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LAST WEEK'S WINNER

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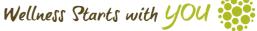


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Imagine a star so luminous that it would burn the Earth up if it were anywhere near, a star that outshines the sun as much as the sun outshines the moon. A monster even in the abyss of space. It's reality. Astronomers have used a Very Large Telescope—the instrument's official nameto detect the most massive star discovered to date. Led by Paul Crowther, professor of astrophysics at England's University of Sheffield, a team of astronomers have found a star 10 million times brighter than the sun, Crowther said Wednesday. Its mass is roughly 265 times more than the sun's

Count on it

Some of the biggest talkers of the day—numerically speaking, of course.



\$28 billion

Spending on luxury goods by affluent Americans is forecast to grow by \$28 billion in 2010, experts said Wednesday, and the wealthy are happy despite most believing the U.S. is still in recession. The Survey of Affluence and Wealth in America found luxury spending would rebound for the first time in three years, led by purchases of automobiles, services, travel and children's clothing.

500 million

Facebook announced Wednesday that it has hit a widely anticipated milestone, signing up its 500 millionth user. In a blog post, Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg (below) said he "could have never imagined all of the ways people would use Facebook when we were getting started 6 years ago." In a video message, Zuckerberg thanked Facebook users and told them "you really have created a worldwide movement."



REUTERS

No. 10

That's where travel website TripAdvisor listed Eli's Cheesecake World on its list of the top 10 sweetest attractions in the U.S., released Wednesday. The site gave a shout-out to Eli's Chicago-style baked cheesecake, which it says "has been making its mark across the U.S. and beyond for 30 years."



130 lbs.

All hail to the king and queen-of catfish. Greg Bernal of Florissant, Mo., and girlfriend Janet Momphard of St. Charles, Mo., were crowned Tuesday after hauling what is believed to be a world record-breaking catfish into their boat while fishing on the Missouri River. The monster blue catfish weighed in at 130 pounds and was 45 inches in girth and 57 inches long.

The executive board of the International Monetary Fund approved Wednesday the cancellation of Haiti's \$268 million debt to the fund. The board also approved a three-year request by authorities to support Haiti's reconstruction and growth program. The decisions are part of an effort to support Haiti's longer-term reconstruction plans after the Jan. 12 earthquake, which killed more than 200,000 people and destroyed much of the country's infrastructure.





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You haven't lived until you've marinated meat

Are you marinating your meat?

Hmm, that question sounded dirtier than I intended. Please accept my apologies, and let's get on with the business at hand.

Which, again, is marinating meat.

I realize that half of you already are doing this and have been for a long time. If so, feel free to turn to the back page and read about the type of flooring in Lindsay Lohan's jail cell or something.

Or think back, if you can, to the first time you put meat in a bag of homemade marinade, let it soak overnight, grilled it the next day for dinner, had that eureka "I never knew the meat I cooked could taste like this!" moment, and then kept the magic going by bathing in the leftover marinade.

That was me last night. I wish this column could come with a piece of my marinated skirt steak attached to it. Back before the Internet and Craigslist, newspapers were flush with cash and included pieces of meat with their columns all the time.

Now, though, you'll have to take my word for it. My steak was tender and juicy and flavorful, and even the E. coli in the undercooked parts tasted just right.

Heck, I could excel at work, could receive a raise or a promotion, or a nice smile from an exec who received a raise and a promotion, but none of that would bring me the same sense of fulfillment, the sense that I was doing my *job* as a human being, as the marinated skirt steak did.

Without getting too much into the macho grilling thing, I felt like a man—a man who buys meat at a supermarket, puts the meat on a gas grill and then takes the meat off the gas grill six minutes later.

So, again, the question: Are you marinating your meat?

If you're not, you need to do so tonight. Get some meat, make some marinade (I used Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce, garlic, red-wine vinegar, salt, pepper, sugar and a splash of Lohan's tears), and go to bed knowing your life is about to change.

When I'm on my deathbed, looking back at my years on this planet or, more likely, just groaning a lot, I fear I'll spend most of the time regretting that I waited 36 years before I marinated.

I fear I'll grab my youngest great-grandchild, pull him or her close with what strength I have left, and scream "Marinate!" so loudly he runs out of the room crying.

Don't let that happen to you. And if you have any good marinades, send them my way. I hope to not be doing much else the rest of the summer.



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U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald (above) announces that Rod Blagojevich has been accused of trying to sell the Senate seat vacated by Barack Obama.

DEC. 23, 2008

An internal review by the Obama team finds no wrongdoing in its communications with Blagojevich regarding the Senate seat.



Blagojevich appoints former Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris (above left) to the U.S. Senate.

JAN. 9, 2009

An Illinois governor is impeached for the first time, by a House vote of 114-1.

JAN. 15, 2009

Burris takes his seat in the U.S. Senate.



Obama is inaugurated president.

QUIETRIOT

BLAGOJEVICH DEFENDS DECISION NOT TO TEST

Chicago Tribune

A defiant Rod Blagojevich defended his decision Wednesday not to take the witness stand at his corruption trial by declaring the government had not only failed to present a strong case against him but actually proved his innocence. But like many things the former governor has said over the years, the choice was more complicated.

While his lawyers publicly backed Blagojevich's view that he didn't need to respond to the government's case, sources said the defense team was worried the former governor could be headed toward a beating on the stand that only would undermine his case and weaken his standing with the jury.

Blagojevich would have faced a veteran federal prosecutor who had spent months preparing for the cross-examination of a lifetime, armed with allegations and recordings the jury hadn't heard yet. The ex-governor's practice runs — with prominent criminal-defense lawyers acting as cross-examiners-were troubling, sources with knowledge of the sessions told the Tribune.

The sources said the former governor had difficulty wrapping words around the concepts he wanted to use to defend himself. Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, spent several days last week going over his possible testimony with lawyers Sam Adam and his son, Sam Adam Ir.

Ultimately, the lawyers agreed the best move was to deny prosecutors the opportunity to do more damage to Blagojevich. The move prevented the ex-governor from being confronted with any more tapes the government might have held back in anticipation of cross-examining him and ended the threat of witnesses such as convicted fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko being called to the stand to rebut Blagojevich's testimony.

But Blagojevich tried to put the best face Wednesday on his break from his long-held vow to testify, saying, "There was nothing further for us to add."

"In the tapes that the government played,

they proved, as I said all along, that I did nothing illegal," Blagojevich told a small army of reporters in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse lobby. "In fact they proved that I sought the advice of my lawyers and my advisers. They proved that I was on the phone talking to them, brainstorming about ideas."

In court, Blagojevich sat with his hands folded at the defense table as his lawyer, Sheldon Sorosky, informed the judge in front of the jury that the defense was resting without the former governor testifying.

The ex-governor's lawyers - who told jurors in opening statements that he would testify — will address the issue in closing arguments, saying Blagojevich didn't need to testify because the government's case is so weak. Though the strategy poses some risk, legal experts say the defense team must have found it a safer option than putting their unpredictable client on the stand.

"That would be better than him being cross-examined into oblivion," said former prosecutor Dean Polales, who now focuses on white-collar criminal defense at Ungaretti & Harris. "Typically, if a defendant puts on a case, the winner is the one who puts on the

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JAN. 25,

Blagojevich appears on NBC's "Today Show."

JAN. 26, 2009

Blagojevich appears on ABC's "Good Morning America" and 'The View."



JAN. 27, 2009

The Blagojevich tapes are first publicly aired.

JAN. 29, 2009

Illinois state senators vote 59-0 to remove Blagojevich from office.



JUNE 8, 2010

Opening statements in the criminal trial of Rod Blagojevich and his brother, Robert, get under way.



First episode of Season 9 of NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice," featuring Blagojevich, airs.



OCT. 20, 2009

Former Blagojevich chief of staff Alonzo "Lon" Monk pleads guilty to corruption charges and agrees to cooperate against Blagojevich.



Blagojevich confidant and fundraiser Christopher Kelly kills himself with a drug overdose, days after saying he would not cooperate with federal prosecutors.



JULY 8, 2009

Former Blagojevich chief of staff John Harris pleads guilty to corruption charges and agrees to cooperate with the government.



FEB. 3, 2009

Blagojevich appears on CBS' "The Late Show with David Letterman."

MARCH 26, 2009

Blagojevich appears as the guest host on WLS-AM and months later takes over a weekly radio show.

APRIL 2, 2009

A federal grand jury indicts Rod Blagojevich, his brother, Robert, and ex-Blagojevich aides, adding new allegations.



APRIL 14, 2009

Blagojevich pleads not guilty to the corruption charges at his arraignment.

MAY 21, 2009

Patti Blagojevich confirms she will appear on NBC's "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here!"





JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED'

CITY'S TOP COP ASKS COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD WITH INFORMATION ON OFF-DUTY OFFICER'S SLAYING

Chicago Tribune

Chicago Police Officer Michael Bailey was off-duty when he was shot and killed in front of his South Side home Sunday morning, but his younger brother says the 20-year veteran's mission—with or without the uniform—was to "serve and protect."

"Being an off-duty police officer was not part of Michael's character. Michael was never off-duty," his brother, Solomon Bailey, 60, said at a news conference Wednesday at Chicago police headquarters.

As Bailey spoke, his brother's widow, Pamela, sobbed and held hands with her daughter, Jada.

"To serve and protect is what he did with his family and his community," Solomon Bailey said, noting his brother was vice president of his block club and was helping plan a party for senior citizens. "To me, he was always my big brother. That was something he would never let me forget."

The family, who did not take any questions from reporters, asked for privacy and time to grieve.

Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis has apologized to Bailey's

family because he was out of town Sunday to attend his fatherin-law's funeral. Weis on Wednesday pleaded for the community to come forward with any information about the slaying.

The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the Fraternal Order of Police-Chicago Lodge 7 and the FBI have offered a combined reward of \$55,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Bailey's killer or killers.

On Wednesday, officials from the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Chicago Metro Chapter announced an additional \$10,000 reward.

"It could be the piece of evidence that brings this case to fruition and we don't care if the motivation is reward money, good citizenship or whatever," Weis said. "Please let us get these criminals off the street. If they'll kill a police officer, the question comes up, 'Who's next?'"

Weis said the detectives, and narcotics and gang officers were working tirelessly on the case.

"The criminals who are responsible for this have to be identified and they have to be taken off the streets," he said. "Justice must be served."

Chicago auction takes on sale fit for the King

Chicago Tribune

A former senior embalmer at the Memphis Funeral Home is auctioning tools reportedly used to embalm and prepare Elvis Presley's body in 1977 for a private viewing the day after he died.

For up to an estimated \$8,000, Elvis fans on Aug. 12 will have a chance to splurge on a "John Doe" tag supposedly used on Elvis' body at the hospital, along with rubber gloves, forceps, lip brushes, a comb and eyeliner, needle injectors and aneurysm hooks allegedly used during the King of Rock 'n' Roll's funeral preparations, according to Chicago-based Leslie Hindman Auctioneers, 1338 W. Lake St., which is hosting the sale.

The items reportedly were used only once.

"We've done all kinds of things over the years, but this is definitely an unusual couple of lots," Leslie Hindman said.

In previous auctions people have shelled out big bucks for anything belonging to the dead and famous. Clumps of Elvis' dark strands have gone for about \$18,000, and a syringe used on Abraham Lincoln on his death bed went for around \$10,000, Hindman said.

Preparing Elvis involved embalming his body, dressing him in a suit, applying makeup and dying his graying hair jet black, according to the auction house.

Also for sale will be the coffin shipping invoice, the hanger to Elvis' suit, his preparation room case report and case sheet.

Karl Kann, president of Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Wheeling, said the embalmer crossed the line. He also questions the authenticity of the items.

"It doesn't matter how famous they are, they put their trust in you," Kann said, adding that morticians are not supposed to profit from doing their jobs.

The mystery senior embalmer could not be reached for comment. As part of his contract for the auction, he wanted to remain anonymous.

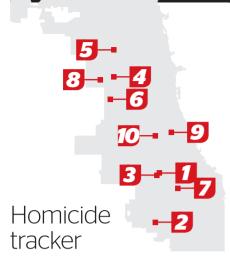
Brookfield welcomes rescued Gulf pelicans

Chicago Tribune

Five American white pelicans are getting a second chance at life at the Brookfield Zoo after being saved from the polluted waters of the Gulf of Mexico, where they had come in contact with oil leaking from a BP well since April.

Volunteers from the International Bird Research Center and Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research rescued the pelicans off the coast of Louisiana between June 13 and 17. After being cleaned they were sent to the Jackson Zoo in Mississippi, where they spent a few weeks recovering before the long drive to Brookfield this past weekend.

On Wednesday, they had their first physicals by zoo veterinarians and vet techs who drew blood to help determine their sex and if they have any parasites or diseases. They also examined the birds' bills and pouches as well as their wings, which are damaged and prevented them from migrating north prior to the oil spill. The final step was an X-ray of each bird's entire body.



By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE Englewood saw two homicides in the past week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police

data found.

A female in her 30s was found strangled to death Friday in the 800 block of West Marquette Road, officials said. A 16-year-old boy was shot to death a day earlier in the 700 block of West 66th Place, police said.

Englewood has recorded seven homicides so far this year, RedEye determined. Englewood saw 21 homicides last year, RedEye found.

In the last week, fatal shootings were recorded in Austin, Greater Grand Crossing, Logan Square, Morgan Park, New City, North Lawndale and West Garfield Park, RedEve determined. Meanwhile, a 21-month-old Grand Boulevard boy suffered a fatal head trauma Sunday. The Cook County Medical Examiner's Office ruled the case a homicide.

Citywide. 29 homicides have been recorded so far this month, RedEye found. Police recorded 58 homicides in July last year, RedEye found. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from July 14 to 4 p.m. Wednesday (Note: All locations had one victim.)

- 700 BLOCK OF W. 66TH PL. Date: July 15 Cause: Gunshot
- 11500 BLOCK OF S. MAY ST. Date: July 15 Cause: Gunshot
- 800 BLOCK OF W. MARQUETTE RD. Date: July 16 Cause: Strangulation
- 3900 BLOCK OF W. WILCOX ST. Date: July 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 2100 BLOCK OF N. SPRINGFIELD AVE. Date: July 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 4200 BLOCK OF W. 21ST PL. Date: July 17 Cause: Gunshot
- 7400 BLOCK OF S. EVANS AVE. Date: July 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 4800 BLOCK OF W. VAN BUREN ST. Date: July 18 Cause: Gunshot
- 100 BLOCK OF E. 49TH ST. Date: July 18 Cause: Trauma
- 5100 BLOCK OF S. MAY ST. Date: July 19 Cause: Gunshot

Immigration protesters gather

About two dozen demonstrators protested outside the Illinois Republican Party headquarters in downtown Chicago on Wednesday as part of a nationwide campaign to bait elected officials into pushing for legal immigration status for millions of students in the country illegally.

As frustration has mounted over the lack of federal immigration reforms, so have the tactics of immigrant activists. Thirty undocumented students from Chicago and elsewhere were arrested in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday after staging sit-ins outside the offices of several legislators.

In what has become a political dance over the volatile issue of "Dream Act" students-those who were brought into the country by their parents and seek a path to citizenship—the demonstrators in Washington were not placed in custody by federal immigration officials.

Instead, they were charged with civil disobedience and released by Capitol police, with court hearings pending for those misdemeanor violations, said Sgt. Kimberly Schneider, a spokeswoman for the federal police department.

An official with Immigration and Customs Enforcement acknowledged that the department was aware of the protests but said the agency's focus is on deporting felons and other criminals who pose an immediate threat to American society.

"In a world of limited resources, we're focusing on the really bad actors," said ICE spokeswoman Gillian Brigham.



On a roll

Cars explode and go airborne Wednesday during "Transformers 3" filming on Wacker Drive. Filming will continue this weekend, and parts of Upper Wacker will be closed and 11 downtown CTA buses will be rerouted, officials said Wednesday. Wacker will be closed from Wabash Avenue to State Street from 8 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday, officials said. Wabash will be closed between Wacker and Lake Street from 8 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday. ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE

Former Streets and San boss convicted of fraud

A federal jury on Wednesday found former Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Al Sanchez guilty of mail fraud in connection with a scheme to rig hiring for city jobs to favor politically connected applicants.

The case, a retrial of Sanchez's 2009 case alleging the same scheme, ended with little fanfare in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, which was mobbed with journalists covering the corruption trial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Sanchez nodded once and slid his hands from the defense table as U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman read the verdict: guilty to a single count of fraud.

Co-defendant Aaron DelValle was found guilty of one count of perjury.

"We're terribly disappointed," Sanchez's attorney, Thomas Breen, said as he left the courtroom. "Al Sanchez is a great

Sanchez faces up to 20 years in prison.

Death at state building a suicide, officials say

A 58-year-old Chicago man whose body was discovered in a burning car at an Illinois Secretary of State facility on the Northwest Side on Tuesday morning took his own life, officials said Wednesday.

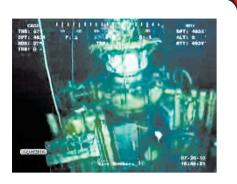
Domingo Bornasal, of the 3500 block of West Montrose Avenue, died of carbon monoxide intoxication and inhalation of smoke and soot in a gasoline fire, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office, which ruled his death a suicide.

The man was found in the driver's seat of a white Toyota Tercel just after 8 a.m. Tuesday at 5401 N. Elston Ave., Chicago Police Officer John Mirabelli said.

Sources said chains were found on the body.

An ambulance was called to the scene, but no one was taken

Because the body was found on state property, the Illinois State Police had been conducting the death investigation.



BP plans permanent seal

BP could try an operation by this weekend to permanently seal its breached Gulf of Mexico oil well-but only if federal officials approve the plan and BP gets a crucial casing in place, the government's point man on the oil spill said Wednesday. REUTERS PHOTO

Sanctions against N. Korea

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced tougher sanctions Wednesday against North Korea, including freezing some assets in an attempt to keep the Communist dictatorship from buying and selling arms.

Rage targets Arizona law

Rage Against the Machine said Wednesday the band would headline a concert Friday in L.A. to raise money for organizations challenging a new Arizona law that targets illegal immigrants.

Film banned in Australia

An Australian film board has banned "L.A. Zombie," a Canadian movie featuring "gay zombie porn," from screening at the Melbourne International Film Festival.

Missing girl found

A 12-year-old Louisiana girl who had been missing for three days was found Wednesday morning, and a 25-year-old acquaintance of the girl's family is now charged with rape, Shreveport, La., police said.

Jellyfish stings 150 swimmers

A dead jellyfish terrorized a beach in New Hampshire on Wednesday, stinging up to 150 beachgoers, local media reported. Park officials had tried to remove the huge, dead jellyfish from the water earlier in the day, but it broke apart and the floating remains stung the swimmers.

Storms batter Kentucky

Up to half a foot of torrential rain in northeastern Kentucky has led to swift-water rescues, propelled a truck into a tree and washed away homes and businesses - and more severe weather is on the

"We're trying to get a hold on this. It's just awful," said Brandon Roberts, a spokesman for the Pike County judge executive, the top elected official in the county. "It's so bad. ... It's so bad. People might not even be aware it's raining. They're a hundred yards away from where they used to be."

Roberts said Wednesday that floodwater had washed "well over 200 homes," including a brick house, off their foundations. He added that the water picked up a Ford F-350

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Buddy Rogers, a Kentucky Emergency Management spokesman, said Wednesday that Lewis, Carter and Rowan counties and the cities of Grayson and Olive Hill in Carter County have declared states of emergency after being hit with 4 inches of rain in two hours late Wednesday morning. Rogers said he expects Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear to determine on Thursday, after seeing final numbers, whether to request federal assistance.

truck and carried it into a tree.

Some parts of Kentucky were under flood advisories Wednesday, and over the

next few days, some locations could get two more inches of rain.

Roberts said that in a twisted way, more heavy rain could help cleanup efforts by clearing roads and driveways of accumulated mud and debris.

Larry Colley, a Garrison, Ky., firefighter, was part of a swift-water rescue team that helped an elderly woman trapped in her house Wednesday morning.

He said that in Lewis County, rescuers saw people "evacuated, people trapped, people on roofs."

Even firefighters attempting rescues were trapped when water enveloped the roads between the fire department and the rescue site, he said.



Jyoti Devi, a politician in India's Congress party, breaks flowerpots Wednesday after she was expelled from the Bihar Legislative Assembly in Patna. Sixty-seven opposition members of the assembly were suspended for unruly behavior and ushered out, according to local media. REUTERS

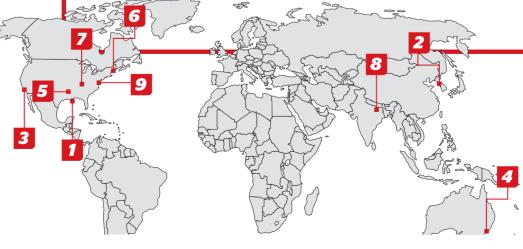
Obama signs reform bill

WASHINGTON With a broad smile and the stroke of a pen, President Obama on Wednesday capped a contentious 18-month struggle and signed into law the broadest revamp of financial regulation since the Great Depression.

Alternating between hitting Wall Street and acknowledging its economic importance, the president said the historic Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010 seeks to strike a balance that would protect consumers while allowing the vital financial sector to prosper.

Obama and congressional Democrats went to extremes to highlight all the consumer provisions in the legislation. There are numerous measures to combat predatory lending, and the president invited borrower Robin Fox of Rome, Ga., to the speech. She'd been hit with unexpected interest rate increases on a credit card balance.

"With this law, unfair rate hikes, like the one that hit Robin, will end for good," Obama said.



THE DIGIT

That's the increase in airlines' passenger revenue in June,

compared with the same month in 2009, the Air Transport Association of America said Wednesday. The ATA attributes the jump to "a combination of improving economic conditions, increase in business travel and revenue from ancillary fees" such as checked baggage and beverages.

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South Side Prince?

Chicago Tribune SEATTLE Recent reports indicate the White Sox's interest in Milwaukee slugger Prince Fielder could inten-

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sify as the July 31 non-waiver trading deadline approaches.

Milwaukee had a scout at the Sox's game Monday night at Seattle in which rookie Daniel Hudson pitched.

Acquiring Fielder would be costly for the Sox, in terms of personnel and salary. But Fielder, unlike Washington's Adam Dunn, won't be a free agent until after the 2011 season.

Sox general manager Ken Williams and Milwaukee's Doug Melvin made a big trade on the final day of the 2004 winter meetings, when the Sox traded slugger Carlos Lee to the Brewers for leadoff man Scott Podsednik and reliever Luis Vizcaino.

The landscape is tilted this time, with the Sox trying to fortify their efforts to win the AL Central and advance deep in the playoffs, while the Brewers are attempting to add power arms and another prospect.

A source believed late Tuesday night that Jake Peavy's injury has had some effect on the Sox's efforts to make any deal involving pitcher Daniel Hudson unless they could replace him in the rotation. The Brewers also were believed to be looking at some of Seattle's players this week.

It's also possible that Melvin could wait until winter to entertain offers for Fielder, who could command at least \$15 million in 2011.

Williams said Monday that he didn't see any trade materializing "right now."

That could change, however, before 3 p.m. July 31.



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A FAN FAVORITE TO REPLACE PINIELLA, SANDBERG SAYS HE'S PREPARED FOR JOB

Chicago Tribune

DES MOINES, Iowa Mockingly nicknamed "Gabby" as a wide-eyed, closed-mouthed young player, Ryne Sandberg surprisingly has been chatty now that he has grown into a manager.

Asked how many times he had been ejected in nearly 100 Triple-A games this season, Sandberg's response was "only three."

"Only" was the correct term, because it's not even half his total in each of his previous summers at Class A Peoria and Double-A Tennessee.

It is all part of the maturation process for Sandberg, who is a Cubs in-house option to replace retiring Lou Piniella as manager next season.

Now in his fourth season in the Cubs system, Sandberg has had to learn managing from the ground up and re-learn about life in the minor leagues.

"I've learned a lot, to say the least, especially the first year [in Peoria]," he said. "It has been a continuation of building after that. But the first one was a big one. Even though it was [Class] A ball, there was a lot to it.

"Until you get games under your belt and have experience, you don't ... I didn't feel that comfortable at first. It was new and there's a lot to this, sometimes more than meets the eye. You wear a lot of different hats."

At 50, Sandberg's daily routine includes throwing batting practice and hitting endless ground balls before games. He is not just a manager, he is a teacher. He's also a molder of young men, which is not exactly high on the list of requirements for most major-league managers.

But Sandberg believes in what he is doing and the way he is doing it.

Remember, even after he had built his Gold Glove reputation as a second baseman, he fielded dozens of ground balls every day during batting practice. His work ethic was unquestioned.

And his Hall of Fame speech in 2005, when he railed against pharmaceutical-enhanced players tak-

HOUSTON 4, CUBS 3

Ted Lilly turned in another strong performance Wednesday, but he served up a late-inning home run to Pedro Feliz and then watched the Astros outlast the Cubs 4-3 in 12 innings. TRIBUNE

BRENLY INTERESTED IN OPENING

The jockeying for position for Lou Piniella's job has officially begun, with Bob Brenly joining Ryne Sandberg on the list of interested candidates. Brenly told WSCR-AM 670 that he definitely would be interested in succeeding Piniella in 2011. "What I said was I did interview for this job when Lou got it," Brenly told the Tribune. "I had interest then and I would have interest again to sit down with Jim Hendry and whoever else is in the process." TRIBUNE

ing the easy way to stardom, is remembered as one of the most thoughtful and meaningful in recent years.

He gives a very similar talk about playing the game the right way to his players before each season.

"I am what I am and say the same things," Sandberg said. "I kind of set the foundation for what I expect for the year. It's a speech of the basics, be on time, play hard all the time, run the bases hard."

Of course, that act played in Class A Peoria. There's no guarantee it will work on the North Side of Chicago with veteran players, although Sandberg believes it will.

He knows the work part of it will.

"I would imagine if I got a job in the big leagues, I would continue to do [the daily physical work]," he said. "I enjoy it. I enjoy being with the players on the field. I think it's important for me to show a work ethic on a daily basis.

"It's every single day, it's sweating and it's work and the players see that. And when the players see that, there is no comeback from them because I'm doing what I'm asking them to do. That goes a long way and I enjoy that part of it."

Cubs nation surrenders

Another day, another gutwrenching loss for the Cubs and their devoted fans. Those souls are enduring another year that will end without a World Series title. Typically Cubs fans follow this team blindly. This season is different. I give you the Top Ten Signs Cubs Fans Have Given Up.

10 New party spot

No matter how hard they try, boozing bare-chested with a blazing sunburn at Sky games just isn't the same for Cubbie fans.



9 Productivity

North Side employers can't figure out how, after 3O years of flu-ravaged summers, people are showing up to work.

8 No fire

White Sox fans can't even engage their mortal enemies in trash talk. It's like trying to pick a fight with Switzerland.

Pigskin fever

When you're breaking down fantasy football mock drafts, baseball is dead to you.

6 Old Style suffering

When 98 percent of your sales depend on Cubs fans paying \$8 a cup for your brutal brew, a season like this can be crippling.

Double agent

Your lady might think you're sneaking a peek at that blonde at the bar, but we know you're checking out the Sox game.

l've got two

The Cubs can't even make money off their own shady ticket racket. They'll have to wait till next year to rob fans blind.

S Lou's gone too

He's still here, but fans know he's thinking more about his bucket list than balls and strikes.

2 It's tradition

When you've had 102 years of experience at this, walking away from the Cubs comes as naturally as breathing or blinking.

Empty seats

I'm proud of Cubs nation for showing its displeasure through empty seats. It's been a long time coming.

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Jonesin'

Reader Clark Jones steps in and delivers some funny to our panel. See, guys, it isn't that hard. Sign up at redeyechicago.com/5on5.









AMY FREEZE



CLARK JONES

Why are the Cubs and Sox both off on Thursday?

Traditionally, they never play on the eve of my birthday

They want to follow me to my interview with Zac Efron. Sorry, can't disclose the spot.

They're packing up their picnic baskets and going to see "The Goonies" at Rainey Park.

What now? Shia LaBeouf is filming "Transformers 3" on our baseball diamonds?

They all signed up to be extras in "Transformers" that day.

Who else in Chicago sports should retire?

Well, hate to say it, but Brian Campbell. We need the cap space and he's replaceable.

Whoever loses a 50-mile sprint/swim/ride around the city starting ... now.

Ronnie Woo Woo. Please.

Don't even think about it, Chelios

Cubs hitting coach Rudy Jaramillo stopped working a vear ago-time to make it official.

What's Lou Piniella going to do during his retirement?

Have very animated and candid conversations with his potbelly.

Sit. Lean. Scratch, Burp. Repeat.

He'll be your average retiree-won't shave every day. maybe quit counting calories and let that waistline go.

After 50 years of baseball. golf starts to sound pretty good.

Something he hasn't been able to do for two years ... watch some good baseball.

A little over a week until Bears training camp. What's your excitement meter at?

Let's put it this way: I just accidentally punted my lunch.

For the last time: I don't own an excitement meter. My excitement meter exploded when the Blackhawks won the Cup. Freeze Factor "10."

Somewhere between zero and Ochocinco.

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STILL ON TOP

Despite troubles, Woods No. 1 on list of athlete earnings

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Professional golfer Tiger Woods has been off his game since his extramarital affairs were exposed last year, but he still is the world's highest earning athlete, according to two lists released Wednesday.

Woods claimed the top spot on a 2010 U.S. list of 50 athletes for the seventh consecutive year compiled by si.com, though his total earnings fell 10 percent

to \$90.5 million. His total also is down 40 percent from \$127.9 million in 2008.

Woods also topped Forbes magazine's 2010 list of the top 50 earning athletes in the world at \$105 million, down 4.5 percent from last year as the star golfer has lost such sponsors as Accenture and AT&T. It was the ninth consecutive year he topped the Forbes list.

Overall, the average earnings for the entire U.S. list at si.com rose II percent to a record \$26.2 million, and they were up 1.7 percent to \$30 million for 20 international stars.

Tennis star Roger Federer, at \$61.8 million, bumped soccer player David Beckham from the top spot he had held the past two years on the international list, si.com said.

Woods' earnings for the 2010 list are composed of \$20.5 million in earnings and \$70 million in endorsements from such sponsors as Nike and Electronic Arts, **si.com** said. Woods' endorsement earnings fell \$22 million from last year's list.

Rival golfer Phil Mickelson came in second on the 2010 U.S. list at \$61.7 million, and the top 10 included four players from the NBA, led by LeBron James at No. 4 (\$45.8 million), si.com said.

- » The Bears announced that running back Harvey Unga has signed a four-year contract, completing one of the final pieces of business before the team reports to training camp at Olivet Nazarene University on July 29.
- » Southern California's Rose Bowl will host CONCACAF's 2011 Gold Cup final June 25, the confederation announced Wednesday.
- » The NHL has rejected Russian winger IIva Kovalchuk's \$102 million, 17-year contract with the New Jersey Devils because it circumvents league rules, deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Wednesday.



While "Transformers 3" is shooting here, can't they do us a favor and blow up the Cubs so we can start over? Here now, my picks.



U.S. 7, Canada 4. This is Jennie Finch's last hurrah in international play.



Cincinnati vs. Washington

11:30 a.m. MLB Network

Reds 4, Nationals 3. Dude, Dusty Baker is a great manager.



Tour de France 5:30 a.m. Vs.

This might be the deciding stage, and I'm sticking with Alberto Contador.



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nightlife



Next Next

New kid in Boystown brings tequila-fueled fun to heavyweight-filled block



By Lisa Arnett

When the new guy walks into a party, all heads turn. That's what's happening now in Boystown, where D.S. Tequila Company, a new hangout from the owners of Minibar, is in the process of stepping out. With a "burgers, tacos and tequila" tagline and a patio primed for people-watching (including clear views of the lines outside Sidetrack across the street), the

place is definitely attention-worthy.

Most bars open full-force and just hope to make it through the first day alive. But D.S. is taking baby steps toward a full opening. Owners John Dalton and Stu Zirin started with a sneak peek during Pride weekend then expanded the menu bit by bit, day by day, as they work toward a post-Market Days grand opening in mid-August. After stopping in a few times ourselves, we know why they're so intent on getting things right. Our patio neighbors during one visit spent the night spouting off sassy commentary about whether their 'ritas were too sour, glasses too small or chips too crispy. No doubt, the bar's harshest critics will be North Halsted neighbors who know exactly what they like.

Like Minibar, D.S. is billed not as a gay bar but as "a place for everyone." In reality, the crowd is unmistakably Boystown. Can this newbie stay afloat on a strip of established faves?

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» The signs haven't been switched yet, but Lincoln Park club **Vain** (2354 N. Clybourn Ave.) has renamed itself Illuminati. » A new bar concept called the **Cookoo Room** (626 S. Racine Ave.) is in the works in the space that was short-lived Little Italy restaurant Aldino's.

» Building on the recent Taylor Street boom, **Vintage Lounge** (1447 W. Taylor St.) aims to open by the end of the month. » White parties aren't just for Labor Day. **Crimson Lounge** (333 N. Dearborn St.) hosts one this Saturday.



Everywhere you look it's ...

boys, boys, boys. Popped-collar polo boys, fedora-sporting boys, shoulder-baring boys, Cubs-fan boys (Ronnie Woo Woo stopped in this week) and fishbowl-slurping boys. And a few girls too.



"You can find just about everyone here: girly girls; straight, homosexual [and] transgender boys; and beefy cakes (or what I call juice heads)." - ARIONLATEL3473, WEST TOWN

We can't wait for ...

the bar to start serving its own tequila. That's right: Dalton and Zirin started their own tequila distillery in the lowlands of Jalisco, Mexico (look to the back wall for a mural depicting the bottle schematics). In six or so months when the first batch is ready, it'll be the only brand of tequila poured behind the bar. Until then, El Ranchero and Don Modesto blanco tequilas stand in.

The best deal in the place is ...

16-ounce frozen margarita mugs (\$7, below) filled from six swirling machines behind the bar. We've paid as much for a tiny plastic-cup cocktail in these parts. The original lime has a nice pucker-inducing tartness, and we savored every sip of the Miami Vice, a layered mug of strawberry 'rita and Coco Loco (think

piña colada with tequila instead of



You've gotta love that ...

some nights, the wide concrete bar top has more feet on it than drinks.



"Where else can you find a [place] where you can freely dance on the bar ... and it's encouraged?" -BARHOPPA, LAKEVIEW

We were a bit puzzled by ...

the decor. Hefty metal bar stools, a concrete bar and a garage door near the entrance create a hard-edged. industrial look inside. But out on the patio, quaint tables with scrolled iron chairs look straight from a suburban back yard.

We were surprised that ...

half-pound burgers made with Allen Bros. prime beef cost a cool \$8.49. And the tacos, filled with combos such as grilled shrimp with pineapple salsa and spicy aioli, feature perfectly spongy flour tortillas made in-house. How many bars offering \$1 late-night taco nights (here it's Thursdays starting mid-August) can say the same?

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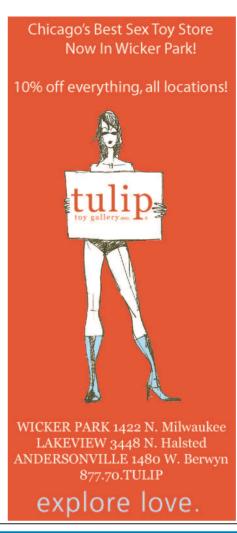


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What brings you here tonight?

It's the middle of the summer. Who wouldn't want to be on a rooftop?

As a consultant, what advice would you offer Roof?

I would say, add a dance floor.

Your drink looks very pink. What is it?

It's a fruity, cherry drink. It has alcohol in it. That's all that matters.



You're sitting at Table 500 with the best view in the house. How did you manage

We came here before the people who had reservations.

This table is generally saved for celebrities. Do you feel like one tonight? Yes, until we get kicked out.

Where do you go from here, after you've been at one of the hottest spots in the city?

Go to sleep and dream about this place.



What brings you here tonight?

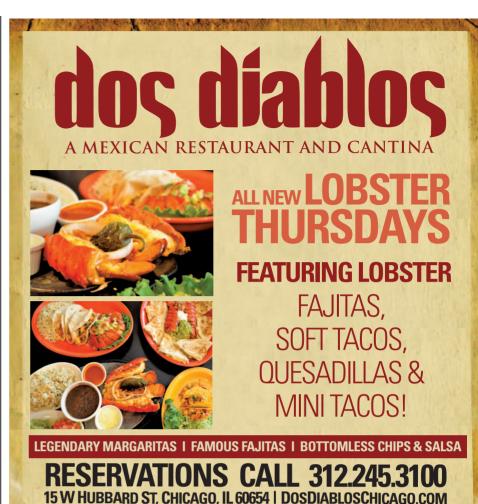
Just hanging out with friends. This is pretty much the spot that we come to before we actually go out for the night.

As a pharmacist, are there any drugs that would make someone undateable?

Probably prescriptions for STDs and maybe something for mental health.

Have you ever met anyone while filling a prescription? Oh no, I don't date customers.

Head to metromix.com to search for deals on beer, cocktails and bar snacks.







Chris Delaney and his local band, Thunderunderus, answered the Chi-Tunes questionnaire in the "about" section at chicagonow.com/chi-tunes. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix.

What makes your live show great?

Four dudes giving you all they've got, making you sweat with their gorgeous looks and catchy hooks. Dazzling you with lightning-fast licks and panty-dropping riffs!

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Hott 'N Sweaty Party Metal

Tell us something random about the band, and why that's significant.

Jonny Rokkyn (drums) is an ordained minister and also the first person to (as far as we know) do a Bible Luge. [That's] probably not too significant, but how many ordained ministers would take a shot off the Bible?

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

We would be honored to the highest degree to work with Michael McDonald, because he is our truest source of inspiration. Greatest musician of all time.

We would never want to work with Michael McDonald's evil twin because he's anti-everything [that] the real Michael McDonald is!

If the band were a '90s sitcom character, whom would it be and why?

Isn't it obvious? Uncle Jesse. Often when describing our music we refer to it as "cool uncle rock."

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9:30 p.m. \$3. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

CATHERINE WHITNEY

8 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar. 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

CINDERELLA

7:30 p.m. \$25-\$35. The Venue, 777 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Ind. 866-711-7463.

COLLECTORS. THE RIGHT TIDYS

8:30 p.m. \$8. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

COLOMBIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL:

ENSAMBLE AD HOC 7 p.m. Free. Las Tablas, 2942 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-2414.

COLTRANE MOTION, BRIC-A-**BRAC, ONONO**

9 p.m. \$6. Schubas. 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

DEREK NELSON AND THE MUSICIANS. **CEILING STARS, ZACH PIETRINI AND THE BROKEN BONES**

9 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

DOUG KEITH, KRISTIN COTTS

8 p.m. \$5 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

DWIGHT MCBRIDE

7:30 p.m. \$50. Two-drink minimum Davenport's. 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-1830.

EYEDEA AND ABILITIES, KRISTOFF KRANE, **PSALM ONE, EDU-CATED CONSUMERS**

8 p.m. \$12. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

FIFTH ON THE FLOOR, AJP, **MEGHAN TONJES**

9 p.m. \$5. Goose Island Wrigleyville, 3535 N. Clark St. 773-832-9040.

THE HAM AND **BURGER SHOW,**



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Hear tracks from Chicagoans' upcoming "Mirror, Mirror." Tapes 'n Tapes headline 9 p.m. \$15. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508

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JEANIE B!, THE DREAMTREE **SHAKERS**

5 p.m. \$5. Hideout. 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

LARKIN GRIMM

9 p.m. \$18-\$20. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

LIOUID BEAT ALL-**STARS WITH MEM-BERS OF CHICAGO** AFROBEAT PROJECT. **DIRK OUINN BAND**

9 p.m. \$8. The Kinetic Playground, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483

MATTHIAS GOERNE. CHRISTOPH ESCHENBACH

8 p.m. \$10-\$50. Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park 847-266-5100

MONTANA SKIES

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. Uncommon Ground on Devon. 1401 W. Devon Ave. 773-465-9801.

NATALIF MERCHANT

8 p.m. \$38.50-\$48.50. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 312-462-6300

NICK TREMULIS

8 p.m. \$12-\$15. Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., **Evanston** 847-492-8860.

RENATO BORGHETTI

6:30 p.m. Free, Jav Pritzker Pavilion. Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168

RON BLAKE QUARTET

8 and 10 p.m. Cover varies. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

SCOTT H. BIRAM. LASERS AND FAST AND SH**

9 p.m. \$10. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Inception" is still blowing people's minds. What album blows your mind?

Send your answers to @mmxmusic; they could appear Friday in RedEye!

SOILWORK. **DEATH ANGEL AUGURY, MUTINY** WITHIN, SWASH-**BUCKLE**

6 p.m. \$20. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

THE VELCRO LEWIS GROUP, IMPLODES,

BRAIN IDEA

9 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

VIC RUGGIERO, CHRIS MURRAY, THE FORTH-RIGHTS, SH**HAWK 9 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitch-

en, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.



600 N. MICHIGAN (AMC)

600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 888-AMC-4FUN Show times change daily &

- Inception (PG-13) 11:10,12:00,1:30,2:30,3:30,5:00,6:00, 7:00.8:30.9:30.10:30
- 7:00,8:30,9:30,10:30
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 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 11:15,2:00,4:45,7:30,10:15
 The Twillight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) → 11:30,2:15,5:10,8:00,11:00
 Grown Ups (PG-13) 11:00,1:20,4:15,7:10,9:45
 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 11:20,1:45,4:30,7:20,10:00

- Knight and Day (PG-13) 3:15.8:15
- Get Him to the Greek (B) 12:45.5:45.10:45

LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

(773) 509-4949

- The Kids Are All Right (R) 1:00,1:30,4:00,4:40,7:00,7:30,9:45,10:15 Cyrus (R) 1:35,4:10,10:15 Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (R) 1:10,4:15,7:15,10:05 I Am Love (R) 1:40,4:35,7:20,10:10
- Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work (R) 1:15,3:40,6:45,9:00
 Winter's Bone (NR) 1:45,4:30,7:15,9:40

CITY NORTH 14 (REGAL)

2600 N. Western Ave. (800) 326-3264 #1642

- Despicable Me (PG) 12:30,3:00,5:30,8:00,10:30 Despicable Me 3D (PG) 1:00,3:35,6:05,8:30,11:00 Grown Ups (PG-13) 1:50,4:45,7:20,9:50 Inception (PG-13) 1:50,0:445,7:23,153,2:45,5:15,6:15,6:45,7:15,8:45,9:45,10:15,10:50 Predators (R) 12:40,2:00,3:25,5:00,6:25,7:45,9:15,10:40 The Last Airbender (PG) 2:30,5:20,7:50,10:20 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 12:50,2:15,4:00,5:10,7:00,8:15,10:00,11:10

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 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 1:10,4:15,7:40,10:45

 Toy Story 3 (G) 12:15 P.M.

 Toy Story 3 D (G) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:10

 The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot (NR) 6:30 P.M.

 Salt (PG-13) 12:01 Midnight

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., (773) 784-0893

- Inception (PG-13) ★ 1:00.4:00,7:00.10:00
 Despicable Me (PG) ★ 12:40,2:45,4:50,7:10,9:20
 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (BG-13) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
 Toy Story 3 (G) 11:50,2:10,4:45,7:00,9:15
 The Kids Are All Right (R) Advance Tickets Available ★

- FORD CITY 14 (AMC) (888) AMC-4FUN
- Show times change daily ■ Inception (PG-13) ◆ 11:00,12:20,2:40,3:45,6:00,7:15,9:30 ■ Despicable Me (PG) ◆ 10:45,12:15,1:00,2:30,3:15,4:45,5:30,7:00,7:45,9:15,10:00
- 5:30,7:00,7:45,9:15,10:00

 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 11:55,2:25,5:00,7:40,10:15

 Predators (R) ♣ 11:25,12:30,2:00,3:00,4:35,5:35,7:05,8:05,9:35

 Despicable Me 3D (PG) ♣ 11:30,1:45,4:00,6:15,8:30

 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 10:50,12:40, 1:40,3:30,4:25,6:20,7:20,9:05,10:05

 The Last Airbender (PG) 11:15,1:50,4:10,6:45,9:10
- Toy Story 3 (G) 11:40,2:20,4:45,7:30,10:15 Grown Ups (PG-13) 11:10,1:35,4:05,7:10,10:10 The Karate Kid (PG) 11:45,3:15,6:30,9:40

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street (312) 846-2800

- Rio Bravo (NR) 6:00 P.M.
- Beetle Queen Conquers Tokyo (NR) 6:00 P.M.
 Something Better Somewhere Else (NR) 8:00 P.M.
 The Oath (NR) 8:45 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

ee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628

- The Karate Kid (PG) 2:10.5:55.8:25
- Get Him to the Greek (R) 2:00,4:00,6:10,8:20 Shrek Forever After (PG) 2:05,4:15,6:10,8:10 Iron Man 2 (PG-13) 1:55,4:10,6:25,8:40

MUSIC BOX

3733 N Southport Chicago (773) 871-6604

■ The Girl Who Played With Fire (R) 4:15,6:50,9:25 ■ Wild Grass (PG) 5:00,7:30,9:45

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago (888) AMC-4FUN Show times change daily

- AMC Independent I Hate Luv Storys (NR) 1:10 P.M.
 AMC Independent Restrepo (R) 1:15,3:30,5:50,8:15
 AMC Independent The Secret in Their Eyes (R) 4:25,7:15
 9500 Liberty (NR) 1:25,3:35,5:35,7:40
 AMC Independent City Island (PG-13) 3:45 P.M.
 AMC Independent The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 6:05 P.M.

G - General audience PG - Parental guidence suggested R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying inappropriate for children under 13 **RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)**

Handicapped Access ♦ Digital Sound ✓ Dolby Stereo ★ No Passes 🦪 Hearing - Impaired

- Show times change daily
- Ramona and Beezus (G) ◆ 12:01 A.M.

(888) AMC-4FUN

- Salt (PG-13) ◆ 12:01 A.M. AMC Independent The Kids Are All Right (R)
- 10:30.11:30.1:20.2:20.4:20.5:20.6:20.7:20.8:20.9:20.10:20 ■ MET Summer Encore: Turandot (NR) ◆ 10:00 A.M.
- Inception (PG-13) 10:15,11:05,12:00,1:00,1:45,2:30,3:30,4:40,5:25,6:10,7:10,8:20,9:05,9:50,10:50,11:35
 The Sorcere's Apprentice (PG) ◆ 11:00,12:10,1:50,2:50,4:45,5:45,7:40,8:40,11:30
- **Despicable Me**(PG) ◆ 10:00,11:00,12:35,1:40,2:55,4:30, 5:30 7:30 8:15 10:30
- Predators (R) 10:40,1:30,4:30,7:30,10:30 The Girl Who Played With Fire (R) 10:05,1:15,4:25,7:25,10:25
- Despicable Me 3D (PG) 10:00,12:45,3:25,6:15,9:00,11:50
 The Last Airbender 3D (PG) 10:50,1:25,4:10,6:50,9:35 ■ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 11:20,12:25, 2:25,3:25,5:25,6:25,8:30,9:30,11:20
- Grown Ups (PG-13) ◆ 10:20,1:10,3:45 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 10:10,12:50,3:40,6:15,8:55,11:40
- Knight and Day (PG-13) ◆ 2:15,5:00,7:50
 The Karate Kid (PG) ◆ 11:10,2:35
- AMC Independent Cyrus (R) 11:15,2:00,4:35,7:05,9:30

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC) 7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #2309

- Inception (PG-13) 10:10,11:00,12:30,1:20,2:10,3:40,4:30 5:20 7:00 7:50 8:40 10:20 11:10
- **Despicable Me** (PG) 10:20,11:10,12:00,12:50,1:40,2:30 3:20,4:10,5:00,5:50,6:30,7:20,8:10,8:50,9:40,10:30,11:20 ■ The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 10:05,11:50,12:40, 2:20,3:10,4:50,5:40,7:30,8:20,10:10,10:55
- Predators (R) 11:30.2:05.4:45.7:35.10:15
- The Last Airbender (PG) 11:20,2:00,5:10 ■ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 10:50,1:50, 4:40,5:30,7:40,8:30,10:40,11:30 ■ The Last Airbender 3D (PG) 10:30,1:10,3:50,6:40,9:25
- Grown Ups (PG-13) 11:05,1:45,4:35,7:15,9:50 Knight and Day (PG-13) 10:00,12:35,3:15,6:00,8:45
- Toy Story 3 (G) 11:55,2:40 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 11:15,1:55,4:20,6:50,9:15,11:40
- The A-Team (PG=13) 7:55 P.M.
 AMC Independent Cyrus (R) 10:40,1:15,3:30,5:55,8:25,10:50
 The Karate Kid (PG) 9:55,1:00,4:00,7:10,10:25

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1641

- Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
- Salt (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
 Inception (PG-13) 12:00,1:00,3:15,4:15,6:30,7:00,7:30,
- 9:40 10:20 10:45

- 9.40,10.20,10.45 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 2:20,4:50,7:20,9:50 Despicable Me (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:10,9:30 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 1:40,4:10,6:50,9:20 The Last Airbender (PG) 1:50,4:20
- The Last Airbender (PG) 1:50.4:20
 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse(PG-13) 2:00,3:00,5:00,8:00
 Grown Ups (PG-13) 12:10,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
 Knight and Day (PG-13) 12:20,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:30
 Toy Story 3 (G) 1:10,3:40,6:20
 Get Him to the Greek (R) 9:00
 Salt (PG-13) 12:01 A.M. Midnight

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1646

- Inception (PG-13) 12:00,1:00,3:15,4:15,6:30,7:30,10:05,10:45
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 1:20,2:20,4:10, 5:10,7:00,8:00,9:50,10:50
- AMC Independent Standing Ovation (PG) 1:50,4:30,7:10
 Despicable Me (PG) 12:45,3:10,5:45,8:10,10:40
 Predators (R) 12:40,4:00,6:55,10:10
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 Despicable Me 3D (PG) 12:05,2:30,5:00,7:25,10:00
 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 12:50,1:45, 3:45,4:45,6:45,7:45,10:35
- 3.49,4.49,0.49,7.49,10.39

 The Last Airbender (PG) 1:35,4:05,6:35,9:05

 Toy Story 3 (G) 1:15,4:50,7:20,9:55

 Grown Ups (PG-13) 1:55,4:25,7:05,9:35

 The Karate Kid (PG) 3:00,6:05

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak., Cicero (800) 326-3264 #1644

- Inception (PG-13) 10:00,12:00,1:10,3:10,4:10,6:20,7:20,9:30,10:30 ■ Salt (PG-13) 12:01 A.M.
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) 10:45,11:50,1:30, 2:30,4:15,5:15,7:00,8:00,9:30,10:30,11:55
 AMC Independent Standing Ovation (PG) 11:25,
- 1:55 4:25 6:50 9:20 11:45
- 1:55.4:25.6:50,9:20,11:45

 Despicable Me (PG) 11:45,2:20,4:45,7:15,9:40,11:50

 Predators (R) 10:00,12:30,3:00,5:35,8:10,10:40

 The Last Airbender (PG) 10:05,12:40,3:05,5:30,7:55,10:20

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 Toy Story 3 (G) 10:15,12:45,3:30,6:15,9:00,11:30
 The Karate Kid (PG) 10:10,1:20,4:30

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AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago (312) 564-2104

- Salt (PG-13) ★ 12:01,12:20 A.M. Inception (PG-13) ★ 12:00,1:00,2:30,3:30,4:30,6:00,7:00, 7:30,8:00,9:15,10:30
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) ★ 1:10,1:40,3:50, 4:20,6:40,7:10,9:30,10:00
- The Solveter & Apprentice (1G) ¥ 1.10,140,530, (20,440,7:10,8:30,10:00)
 Espiciable Me 30 (FG) ★ 1:20,2:10,3:40,4:40,6:10,7:20,9:00,9:50
 The Girl Who Played With Fire (R) ★ 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
 Predators (R) ★ 2:20,5:00,7:50,10:40
 The Kids Are All Right (R) 12:01 A.M.
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 Grown Ups (FG-13) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:20
 Knight and Day (PG-13) 1:50,5:10,7:45,10:50
 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 12:40,3:50,6:20,9:10
 Cyrus (R) 2:00,4:50,7:40,10:10
 The Karate Kid (FG) 12:50,4:10

VIP Premium 21+

■ Salt (PG-13) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 12:20 A.M. ■ Inception (PG-13) ★ VIP Premium 21+ 12:00,2:30,3:30, 6:00,7:00,9:15,10:30

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park (630) 444-FILM #560

- (800) 444-FILM #300

 Inception (PG-13) * 12:25,3:35,6:45,9:55

 The Sorcere's Apprentice (PG) * 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40

 Despicable Me 3D (PG) * 12:00,2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40

 The Last Airbender (PG) 1:00,4:00,6:45,9:05

 The Twilight Saga: Eclipse(PG-13) 1:35,4:20,7:05,9:50

 Grown Ups (PG-13) 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:30

 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 12:05,2:30,4:55,7:20,9:45

EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston (847) 492-0123 🖔

- Despicable Me 3D (PG) ★ 11:45,2:05,4:25,6:55,9:25
 Inception (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:25,3:40,4:45,7:00,8:05,10:20
 Inception (PG-13) ★ 11:20,2:35,5:50,9:15
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 Ramona and Beezus (G) ★ 12:01 Midnight
 Salt (PG-13) ★ 12:01 Midnight
 The Kids Are All Right (R) ★ 11:25,12:15,2:00,2:50,4:55,2:55,2:56,2:0,7:55,8:55,9:45,10:35

- 4:35,5:25,6:20,7:55,8:55,9:45,10:35

 Coco Chanel & Igor Strevinsky (R) * 12:30,3:25

 Cyrus (R) 12:25,2:55,330,7:45,10:30

 Despicable McG-13) 2:40,5:10,7:45,10:15

 AM Love (R) 14:5,4:50,7:40,10:3

 Knight and Day (PG-13) 11:50,2:30,5:05,7:50,10:40

 Predators (R) * 11:51,155,4:40,7:20,10:30

 The Girl Who Played With Fire (R) * 1:05,4:05,7:05

 The Last Airbender 30 (PG) 11:40,2:20,4:55,7:35,10:10

 The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) * 11:15,1:50,4:30,7:15,9:55

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 Toy Story 3 3D (G) 11:35,2:15,4:55,7:30,10:25

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FEST FLASH

Taste of Lincoln Avenue

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Where: Lincoln Avenue from Fullerton to Wrightwood avenues **Suggested donation:** \$7 before

4 p.m.; \$10 after

Get there: No. 74 Fullerton bus, No. 8 Halsted bus; Fullerton Brown/Red Line "L" stop

Brown/Red Line "L" stop

The basics: One of the most
popular fests of summer (we
hear beer sales exceed those of
Market Days), the 27th annual fest
has about 40 bands performing
pop, blues, rock and soul on five
stages, plus 200-plus vendors
offering food, drinks, art and
merch. Music highlights include
the Freddy Jones Band, Journey
Unauthorized, the Trippin Billies
and Otis Clay (Saturday) and Soul
Asylum, Harper, 7th Heaven and
Arra (Sunday). 773-868-3010.

Don't miss: A wine garden on Lill Street comes to your rescue with seating and shade.



MORE FESTIVALS

MILWAUKEE AVENUE ARTS FESTIVAL

Big question: Is this a music, food or art fest? Maybe it's all three (the magic number). Three stages, three beer gardens and countless opportunities to pick up locally made art highlight this second annual Logan Square fest. On Sunday, kick things off at the burgeoning farmers market. Music highlights: The Drastics (Friday), 1900s (Saturday) and Detholz! (Sunday). 4-11 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$5 donation. Milwaukee and California avenues. 847-675-2580.

RANDOLPH STREET MARKET FESTIVAL

Shop for antiques, vintage collectibles and indie designer apparel from more than 200 dealers along Randolph Street between Ada Street and Ogden Avenue. With food and

beer vendors. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. \$9-\$12; \$5 for students. Randolph Street and Ogden Avenue. 312-666-1200.

SILVER ROOM'S SOUND SYSTEM BLOCK PARTY

DJs and MCs and spin inside the Silver Room and on two outdoor stages at this eighth annual Wicker Park fest with food and beer vendors, live mural painting, fashion shows, a photo booth and more.

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday.
Evergreen and Milwaukee avenues. 773-278-7130.

BACKYARD FILM AND MUSIC FEST

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and camp outside or indoors for the third annual fest featuring live music by Light Pollution, Dosh and others, plus screenings of shorts by local filmmakers and food and drink vendors. Noon-midnight Saturday. \$15. Pullman State Historic Site, 11057 S. Cottage Grove Ave. Info: bfmf2010.com

CELEBRATE CLARK STREET FESTIVAL

Set along a bustling strip in Rogers Park, the fifth annual party features world music on two stages, plus food, beer and wine vendors, and 80 market vendors. Live music highlights: Mr. Something Something and Los Vicios de Papa (Saturday) and Funkadesi and Juvenato (Sunday). 1-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. \$5 donation. Clark Street and Morse Avenue. 773-508-5885.

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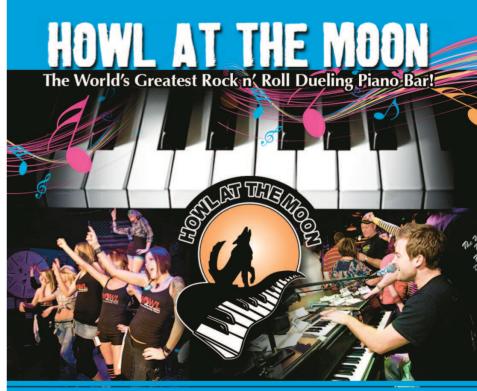
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H20 Soul "One, Two" punched and KO'd this week's track-off competition, another hip-hop collective that includes former track-off winner Savant. It was a tough choice between multitalented MCs, but in the end H2O snared 64 percent of the vote. Twitter, Facebook and Kyles Files fam seemed smitten with H2O's ability to flow like water over an undulating instrumental. Check out the winning submission at the Kyles Files, and then make sure to come back Monday to vote in the next duel of the iron mic. KYRA KYLES, REDEYE

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and bosses. Green oozes pathos and rebelliousness in this riveting series of shocking crime tales. Included in the set are eight films that aired on PBS' "Mystery!" There are no extras, but with a drama this good, you won't miss them. curt wagner, redeve



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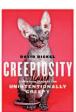
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Yes, almost everyone is creeped out by clowns, kiddie beauty pageants and hairless cats, but Bickel also shines

a light on things that are less obviously disturbing or may have escaped the world's notice, such as Renaissance fairs, Precious Moments figurines, Bruce Jenner's face, old ladies with really long hair and grown men in Boy Scout uniforms. He also rates the oogy factor using his highly scientific Creepiosity Index. Get ready to grimace and nod in agreement.

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Still red, white and true blue?

Director says new Captain America won't be a flag-waver

L.A. Times

The director of "Captain America: The First Avenger," the 2011 summer blockbuster that will coincide with the character's 70th anniversary, says the screen version of the hero will be true to his roots—up to a point.

"We're sort of putting a slightly different spin on Steve Rogers," said Joe Johnston, whose directing credits include "Jurassic Park III" and "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." "He's a guy that wants to serve his country, but he's not a flag-waver. We're re-interpreting, sort of, what the comic-book version of Steve Rogers was."

Christopher Nolan pared away significant parts of the Batman mythology that didn't fit his grim take on Gotham City, while Ion Favreau and Robert Downey Ir. manufactured a version of Iron Man who is hard-wired for far more humor than the old-school Marvel Comics character.

Still, Captain America, with his name and history, is a sensitive case. A red-whiteand-blue character who dates back to the Franklin Roosevelt era stirs up plenty of civic emotion.

Johnston has been hard at work on the London set of the film, but on Saturday he'll make a whirlwind visit to Comic-Con International in San Diego to promote the film. He'll be joined by cast members including his star, Chris Evans, who has shown a sly, wise-guy wit in many of his



previous roles. Does that make him an odd fit to play the earnest and somewhat square superhero with the Betsy Ross fashion sensibility? Johnston said that in his film, which is set in World War II, the character will fight the enemies of America but he won't be a stiff, slogan-spouting guy.

"He wants to serve his country, but he's not this sort of jingoistic American flagwaver," Johnston said. "He's just a good person. We make a point of that in the script: Don't change who you are once you go from Steve Rogers to this super-soldier; you have to stay who you are inside. That's really what's important, more than your strength and everything.'

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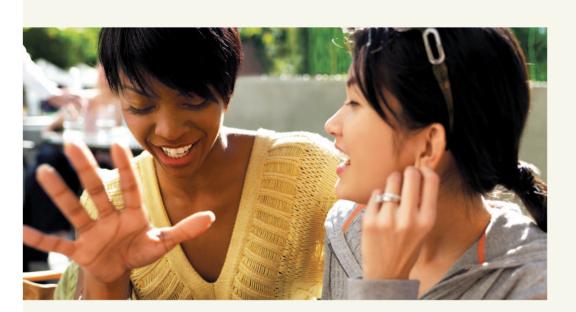
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Jennifer Aniston was in London on Wednesday to launch her first fragrance, called, well, Jennifer Aniston. "I'm so excited to have worked on this," Aniston gushed at the Harrods event. "It's a combination of my favorite scents: the ocean, sea air, blooming jasmine and tropical oils. It's my memories of California nights in the summer."

Many celebrities have colognes and perfumes on the market, but there are a few other star scents I still am waiting to see/sniff.



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Mother lode

The screechy women of "The View" soon will have competition. CBS has announced a new daytime talk show for the fall that will look a lot like ABC's chat-fest. Six celebrity moms have signed on to chat about "topical events and contemporary issues through the eyes of parents," The New York Times reports. They are: (1) Sharon Osbourne, (2) Marissa Jaret Winokur, (3) Sara Gilbert, (4) Holly Robinson Peete, (5) Leah Remini and (6) Julie Chen.

WHAT

Matthew Weiner doesn't think he's man enough for Joan Holloway Harris, the red-haired vixen on "Mad Men." "Joan is terrifying to me," the show's creator told ABC News. "If you were to actually have intercourse with Joan, you might burst into flames." The show's fourth season premieres Sunday and Don Draper now is living in an apartment, Weiner revealed. "This is the divorced-dad locale. It's plush and it's velvety and it's masculine and it's somewhat lacking in personal character."

Taking over the black T-shirt

Rumors are running rampant (again? still?) about judge Simon Cowell's "American Idol" replacement. The current front-runner may well be singer Chris Isaak, according to thr.com. Isaak has met twice with Fox about taking over the role. Harry Connick Jr. also has been considered, the site reports, and Bret Michaels and Donald Trump have lobbied for the role.

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- 2. Bret Michaels
- 3. Howard Stern 4. Donald Trump

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